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SUPPLY OF WOODS TO FARMERS FROM FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of Himachal Pradesh used to get woods from forest at lower cost for repair/construction of their homes under Forest Rights Act, 2006;

(b) if so, whether the said practice has now been discontinued;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to restore the said facility at the request of the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal ministry for implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006. The said Act seeks to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in forest dwelling tribes and other traditional forest dwellers who have been residing in such forest for generations but whose rights could not be recorded. This Act does not envisage provision of 'Goods' from forest to farmers of any State/Union Territory, including Himachal Pradesh, at lower cost for repair/construction of their homes.

(b)to (d) In view of the reply to part (a) above, the question does not arise.